

FROM WASHINGTON.

The National Intelligencer of Friday, says—The Senate was in Executive session some two hours yesterday, and during its session confirmed a number of nominations, which had been sent in by the President of the United States on the day previous. Among them we hear of those of Alexander H. Everett, as Commissioner to China; Wm. H. Polk, as charge to Naples; and Mr. Jewett, of Maine, as charge to Peru in the place of Mr. Bryan. A new nomination was also made in the place of Yespasian Ellis, now charge at Venezuela. Among the other appointments confirmed, we also learn, was that of Elijah F. Purdy as surveyor of the port of New York, and of Benjamin F. Butler as United States district attorney for the southern district of the State of New York. P. M. Wetmore has been nominated for Navy Agent of New York.

A letter from Washington dated March 13th says—

"The President refused to see any person this morning. He was engaged in determining and sending in nominations for existing vacancies. He had advised the Senate, yesterday, that he would have no further communication to make to them after to-day. I suppose the Senate will be ready to adjourn on Saturday."

A great number of Collectors, Marshals, &c. were nominated to-day.

The British and French Ministers have interposed their good offices between this government and the Minister from Mexico, and have persuaded him, it is said, to remain here until he shall receive instructions from his government.

THE RAIL-ROAD.

The bill allowing foreign goods to pass through the United States has become a law. All the commercial papers consider it of very great importance. The New York Express says it will benefit New York most, and Boston next, as things are now situated; but that strange as it may seem Portland is ultimately to receive the greatest benefit from it. The money article of the Express, in which this subject is noticed, mentions the fact that Messrs. Galt and Moore refused to serve on the committee, having in charge the Concord Route, and says that Mr. Galt has written to the directors of the Land Company, of which he is Agent, in favor of the Portland Route, and for liberty to subscribe to its stock \$20,000, previously designed for the Concord. The Express entertains no doubt that our Road will be built.

To Portland and the whole State of Maine, we have often said, this Railroad will be of the very highest importance. Now that we have a good Charter, let us take hold of it with redoubled courage and efforts. Let every man who can spare an hundred dollars, prepare to take a share. Let every one in the city, take according to his utmost ability, from one hundred dollars up to \$25,000, and thus ensure the building of this great public work.—Argus.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR. The N. York Sun, (a neutral paper,) thus speaks of Ex-Governor Marcey.

"In this State we know him well. His first entrance upon public life was in the Military service of this State during the late war. He was in command of a detachment which effected a very gallant feat on Lake Champlain, in which the first flag captured from the enemy within their own borders was taken by the hands of Lt. Marcey. Subsequently he performed a tour duty as captain of a company, detached for the defence of this city. He commenced his civil career as Recorder of Troy, from thence was appointed Adjutant General of the State, Comptroller, and Judge of the Supreme Court, Senator in Congress, and six years Governor. He brings therefore, great experience, industry and energy to the performance of his new duties, and will soon place every available point of the Country, (in case of a war,) in a complete state of defence, and will be found a most useful and valuable officer."

A British soldier accidentally fell into the water at Quebec, Canada, a few days since, when a sentinel walking by attempted to get him out by reaching him the butt of his musket.—The drowning man grasped the weapon, and in his struggles it was discharged,—the contents of which entered the head of the sentinel and killed him instantly.

A BRIGHT YOUTH. "What's the matter, John?"

"I ain't done nothin' father."

"Well, what are you crying for then, you lubber?"

"I was afraid you'd whip me."

"What! whip you when you haven't done any thing?"

"Yes, sir."

"Go into the house, you lubber."

John went into the house and his father down to the farm.

Very soon his father came back in a rage, and, laying a cowhide over the urethra's back, said, "Did I not tell you when I went away to hoe that corn?"

"Yes, sir—but you told me just now that you wouldn't whip me if I hadn't done nothin'."

A POX FROM THE BENCH. The Phil. Gazette tells us that Judge Halliburton, the witty author of Sam Slick, was holding a court the other day, and in the commencement of the proceedings it became necessary to empanel a jury. One worthy burger upon being called, requested the Court to excuse him on the ground that he was afflicted with the itch, at

the same time holding out his hand to the Judge and displaying the evidence of his cutaneous affliction. The Judge after closely inspecting the hands of the juror directed the clerk as follows: "The court decides that the juror's excuse is a valid one, and therefore directs that he be 'scratched off.'"

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, MARCH 25, 1845.

The Kennebec Journal says, that "Texas has been brought in by a combination of fraud, treachery, folly, and the corrupting influence of party patronage." That "Messrs. Dix and Dickinson, of New York," who voted for annexation, "might have been superseded by whigs opposed to it, but for the scattering of the liberty party in New York." That "Messrs. Tappan and Allen voted for it in opposition to the positive instructions of the Whig legislature of Ohio," and that "Mr. Merrick voted for it in defiance of the expressed sentiments of the Whig legislature of Maryland."

Well, what of it, Mr. Journal? Didn't Rives and Archer vote against annexation, in defiance of the will of the people of Virginia as expressed in the Presidential election. Didn't White, of Indiana, do that same thing; and Berrien, of Georgia, ditto. Didn't Woodbridge and Porter, of Michigan, Barrow, of Louisiana, and Evans, of Maine, vote against annexation in opposition to the positive instructions of the legislatures of their several States? We guess they did. Tell the whole story, Mr. Journal, that your readers may see and read the whole truth, and judge for themselves whether there was fraud, treachery, folly, and corrupting influences used, and on which side they were used. It looks to us as though certain Whig M. C.'s were more deserving of these epithets,—for their disregard of the expressed will of the people,—than any members of the Democratic party.

The Salem Register says that "Boston Common, in days long past, witnessed the hanging of four of the Quakers, who early embraced the opinions of George Fox, and came here to enjoy freedom with the Puritans; and there is hardly a jail in this part of the Commonwealth, in which many of their associates were not confined."

The same spirit of intolerance pervades the community—religious, moral, political and social,—at this present time, we opine; and if certain self-styled philanthropists could have their will and wishes carried out in the letter and spirit of their hearts, we verily believe that gibbets and stocks would be erected in every town, to awe and punish those who had independence enough to act upon and speak their unbiased opinions, and our jails would be overflowed with boarders at the public expense, for opinion's sake,—society would be riven, and its members turned against each other in worse than hostile array. And why? the reader asks. The answer should be as plain as the noon-day sun. It is for the want of a little CHARITY for what they, in their assumed wisdom, deem errors in their fellow beings. Not considering that they are constituted like themselves, frail, imperfect and liable to err; but that they err willfully, and intentionally; and therefore they must suffer to the utmost extent of the refined double-distilled bloody code.

WASHINGTONIAN FRATERNITY, No. 1.—A Society under the above name, has recently been organized in Augusta. It has for its object the reformation of the intemperate by moral means alone, and is based on the Washingtonian principle of 1811.

The movement originated among those who were founded in this State, who had become discouraged from any further effort in the cause in connection with that Society, in consequence of its becoming a mere sectarian hot bed, where the efficacy of the law of Love has been ridiculed and discarded, and the law of Hate—which demands an "eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,"—enthroned in its place.

The Augusta papers state that the new Society has some features peculiar to the different benevolent Orders of the day; but in its main characteristics, it is entirely dissimilar from any of them. All meetings are to be public except those for the choice of officers, balloting for members and for discipline. The candidates for membership are publicly admitted by an impressive ceremony, calculated to fix on their minds the importance of their obligations—and the duties and kindness of brotherly love in all their intercourse with each other.

The officers of the Fraternity are, a Chief, Recorder, and a Safety Committee, consisting of four, who act upon all proposals for membership, and have a general supervision of the affairs of the Society.

May the principles of the Fraternity extend and flourish until its branches shall pervade the whole State and Union, and teach the world that the law of Love is more potent for any work of reform than all the laws emanating from the creeds, or caprices of man, that were ever enacted.

ROBERT.—A gentleman from Bangor, named W. B. Hatch, while on board the Steamer Portland, on her passage from Bangor to Portland, on Thursday last week, was robbed of his pocket-book containing \$2,600 in cash, and a note for \$147. The pocket-book was cut from his coat-tail pocket. The rogue has not been discovered, neither has there any clue by which to detect him.

Baths! Baths! From one to five pounds of deerskin animal matter passes off from the human body daily by perspiration. To enable nature to do this work well, her avenues—pores of the skin—must be kept open. Use water, warm or cold, frequently, or the dirt will clog them up. Don't be afraid of a cold water bath, even in a cold morning and in a cold room.

The editor of the Norfolk Beacon, while descending upon bathing establishments, says:—"There is probably not a people under the sun who use water as sparingly, both inside and out, as the citizens of the United States." We guess there's too much truth in that remark.

MIELERISM.

Accounts reach us from various parts of the State of the deplorable effects of the Millerite delusion.—The followers of this fanatic doctrine are neglecting their business, squandering their substance,—those that have any, and those that have not are living on those that have—and daily becoming candidates for inmates of our Poor Houses, Houses of Correction and Jails; and brought to this lamentable state, we fear by the craft and villainy of men who disregard both the laws of God and man. They have a fearful direction of duty to answer for.

Fanatics of a similar belief have existed in all ages of the Christian era, and yet the grand consummation is not yet consummated. The following extract, which we copy from an exchange paper, is taken from Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History under head of the tenth Century, and presents a fearful illustration of the second advent doctrines of the present day among ignorant and unreflecting people:—

Among the opinions which took possession of the minds of men, none occasioned such an universal panic, nor such dreadful impressions of terror and dismay, as a notion that now prevalent of the immediate approach of the day of judgment. This notion, which took its rise from a remarkable passage in the Revelations of St. John, and had been entertained by some teachers in the preceding century, was advanced particularly by many at this time; and spreading itself with amazing rapidity through the European provinces, it threw them into great consternation and anguish. They imagined that St. John from the birth of Christ, Satan was to be let loose from his prison. Anti-Christ to come, and the destruction and conflagration of the world to follow those great and terrible events. Hence civil connexions and their paternal relations; all their lands, treasures, and worldly effects, paired with the utmost precipitation of Palestine, where they imagined that Christ would descend from heaven to judge the world. Others devoted themselves by a solemn and voluntary oath to the service of the churches, convents and the priesthood, whose slaves they became in the most rigorous sense of that word, performing the daily heavy tasks; and all this from a notion that the Supreme Judge would diminish their sentence, and look upon them with a more favorable and propitious eye, on account of their having made themselves the slaves of his ministers. When an eclipse of the sun or moon happened to be visible, the cities were deserted, and their miserable inhabitants fled for refuge to caverns, and hid themselves among the craggy rocks and under the beading summits of steep mountains.

The rich attempted to bribe the Deity and the sacerdotal and monastic orders, who were looked upon as the immediate viceregents of heaven.—In many places, temples, palaces, and noble edifices, both public and private, were suffered to decay; they were deliberately pulled down from a notion that they were no longer of any use, since the final dissolution of all things was at hand. In a word, no language is sufficient to express the confusion and despair that tormented the minds of those miserable mortals on this occasion. "His general delusion was indeed opposed and combated by the discerning few, who endeavored to dispel these groundless terrors, and to efface the notions from which they arose, in the minds of the people. But their attempts were ineffectual; nor could the apprehensions of the superstitious multitude be entirely removed before the end of this century. Then, when they saw that it is so much dreaded period had passed without the arrival of any great calamity, they began to understand that St. John had not foretold what they so much feared."

"Almost all the denunciations that were made to the Church during this century, bears evident marks of this delusion, as the reasons of these denunciations are generally expressed in the following words: 'Approach not near this term,' &c. &c. 'The end of the world is now at hand,' &c. &c. It was fully believed, that when the annihilation of men from the face of the world would come. Thus it would now, these ancient advocates of hatred were fixed on the very day of the end, and waiting but the nature of the predictions depicted the general delusion."

MERRITT CALDWELL.—A native of Oxford, in this County—now Professor of Mathematics and Political Economy and Teacher of Education in Dickinson College,—is the author of a recent publication entitled "A Practical Manual of Education." It is spoken of in terms of high praise, and is recommended as a useful work to be introduced into our Academies and Colleges.

New Hampshire Congressional Ticket.—Woodbury, p. Hale, is probably defeated, although he ran for 10,000 to 15,000 votes ahead of the highest on the Whig ticket. Two other candidates on the Democratic ticket, Messrs. Norris, Moulton and Johnson, are elected. Steele, the present Governor, has been re-elected.

Phosphoric.—Solomon Eaton, Esq., of Bowdoin, has a cow of the Durham Short Horn Breed, seven years old, which brought forth on the 15th ult. three good sized calves. They were all healthy and all doing well. That's increasing the stock pretty fast.

The town of Patten, says the Augusta Banner, has killed Beas enough the past winter to claim from the State a bounty large enough to pay the whole State tax, and the town's quota of the militia compensation. Grain business that Bear hunting down east.

Who will be the claimant?—A French philanthropist has just left a legacy to be distributed among persons "the most degraded by nature." There'll be no quarrelling for the legacy among the heirs of Meville.

Mr. John Bradley, who has been in Portland jail for debt, for the last five years, has made a disclosure, and is coming out.

Another new Fraternity. This is the age of Brotherhoods. We see by a N. Y. paper, that the Operative Printers of New York have instituted a fraternity, which it is intended shall become general throughout the Union.

A man by the name of Robert Leighton, of Falmouth in this State, was arraigned before the Municipal Court of Boston week before last, for having 29 counterfeit Mexican dollars, with intent to pass the same.

Dr. Tewksbury, of Frankfort, a notice of whose trial for robbing a grave was published in our last, has had a second examination, and been bound over to take his trial at a higher Court.

St. Patrick's day, (the 19th,) was observed in Bangor by a procession, with a band of music, which proceeded to the Catholic Chapel, where the customary exercises were had.

From Mexico. By an arrival at New Orleans from Vera Cruz, on the 5th inst. we learn that Santa Anna's trial was to take place on the 24th of February.

A new Post Office has been established at South Thomaston, and Archibald G. McKesler, Esq., appointed Postmaster.

The Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad.

To the Editors of the Public Press in Portland.

Gentlemen,—The Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company" finally passed both branches of the Legislature of Canada on Friday last. It was laid before the Governor General of Canada, Lord METCALFE, the same day, for his approval, as representative of his Sovereign. He appointed Monday last, at half past three o'clock P. M., to meet the two houses of Parliament for the purpose of giving in behalf of The Queen the Royal assent to that and other bills. The following is an extract from the Act, prescribing the terms and direction of the road.

"From the river St. Lawrence as nearly opposite to the city of Montreal as may be found desirable, in the general direction of St. Hyacinthe and Sherbrooke to the Boundary Line between this Province and the United States of America, at such point or place of said Boundary Line, near the Connecticut River, as that said Railroad may best connect with 'The Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad' to be constructed from Portland in the State of Maine to said Boundary Line, there to connect with the Railroad hereby authorized to be made and completed."

I will only add that the provisions of the charter of which I have a certified copy are very liberal, more so, in fact than is the charter of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad granted by our Legislature. I have also a certified copy of the charter granted by the legislature of New Hampshire for the Railroad "in continuation extension" of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad through that State, granted in December last. Charters have therefore been obtained for the whole route from the Atlantic to the St. Lawrence.

I am respectfully, &c., Wm. P. PREBLE.

Portland, March 19, 1845.

THE RAILROAD MEETING.

Held last evening at the Exchange Hall, to hear the report of Messrs PREBLE and POON, was one of the largest ever convened in this city. That large Hall was crowded with citizens. The speeches of Messrs Preble and Poon were listened to with profound attention broken occasionally by the most cheering applause. Their Reports were of several resolutions were passed, which shall be published hereafter; also later accounts of the meeting, than we have time to gather this morning.—Argus March 21.

THE NEW POSTAGE LAW.

The new Postage Law comes into operation on the 1st of July next. The points which concern the public most are the following:—All single letters are to be charged five cents for transmission under 300 miles and ten cents for over that distance. Double letters pay double price; triple letters triple price, &c. Letters weighing less than half ounce are to be accounted single, and every additional half ounce is to be charged additional single postage. Drop letters are to pay two cents, and letters advertised are to pay the cost of advertisement.

Newspapers of 1000 square inches or less go free within 30 miles of where they are printed; for greater distances they are subject to the rates of the law of 1825; and newspapers of greater size are to pay the rates charged upon magazines and pamphlets.

Circulars, handbills, &c., printed on single cap paper, or no larger, and unsealed, pay two cents each, whatever distance they may be sent; pamphlets, magazines, &c., pay two and a half cents per copy of an ounce weight, and one cent additional for each additional ounce, whatever may be the distance; and the fractional excess over an ounce, are to be charged as full ounces.

The New Temperance Bill.—Mr. Doane from Urrington, has offered a substitute for the rejected bill, the vote against it having been reconsidered. The substance of the new bill is:—1. To authorize selectmen of towns &c. to license some person or persons to sell for medicinal and mechanical purposes only. 2. Twenty dollars fine and cost for selling without license, or imprisonment 60 days. 3. Second offence imprisonment 60 days additional penalty. 4. Third offence imprisonment six months. 5. No appeal allowed without security for the prosecution of the cause and cost. 6. To be enforced by the town or township where the offence is committed. 7. Fines to go to towns for support of the poor.

8. Duty of selectmen, &c. to prosecute on receiving reasonable evidence—burden of proof on defendant.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Cambria Steam ship, that arrived at Bangor, on Tuesday, brought 25 days later news. She made the passage a little short of 14 days, and brought 81 passengers.

Sir Robert Peel has made a long financial speech, in which he recommends the total abolition of import duties on cotton, coal, glass, staves, and a long list of other articles.

Rev. Sidney Smith, the well known Cannon of St. Paul's, died on the 23d ult., after an illness of several months, aged 72.

The Earl of Mornington, brother to the Duke of Wellington and Lord Cowley, expired at his residence in London on the 22d ult., aged 81.

The Marquis of Westminster, one of the most wealthy and influential members of the peerage, died, at his splendid seat, Eaton Hall, on the evening of the 17th ult., in the 78th year of his age.

M. Guizot has triumphed in the chamber of Deputies, on the vote for the Secret Service, by a majority of 24.

The accounts from the manufacturing districts are encouraging.

Freights are tolerably good, less to New York than the most other of the Atlantic ports. For the first named place "dead weight" realizes \$8. to 11s. per ton; light goods, 15s.; earthen ware, 9s. To Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans, the freight for "dead weight" varies from 15s. to 20s. and other descriptions of good in proportion.

The American Provision Market is dull. The reduction in the price of Irish Pork has impeded the sale of American.

Some things have given more satisfaction in commercial circles than the intelligence which came to hand by the last packet that the State of Pennsylvania has paid the interest of its debt for the current six months.

Ireland. At a meeting of the Repeal Association on the 17th ult., the rent was announced to be £752, which included a handsome remittance from Washington, and a still larger one from Baltimore.

France. The subject of railway in France has occupied some attention in both Chambers. PORTUGAL. Accounts from Lisbon, on the 18th ult., state that on the preceding day the Queen was confined, and gave birth to a Princess. The medical bulletin of the 18th ult., announces that her Majesty and the Infanta are going on well. Three days of rejoicing, with illuminations, are decreed, to celebrate the event. The intelligence of a political character is entirely destitute of interest.

There is nothing latter from Bombay. The news by the overland mail is of more importance and interest than the overland mail has brought for some months. The Punjab is again in commotion. A revolution broke out; and Heera Singh, the Rujh, and Jelle Singh, have been killed. As usual, there are several accounts of the case &c.

CRIME.—We alluded a few days since to the frequent instances of criminal conduct on the part of church members, and remarked that it appeared to us that there were times when men broke loose from all restraint. We are apt to expect more of the church than we do of the world's people, while we should remember that notwithstanding the solemn vows they have taken to live "soberly, righteously and Godly," that they are nothing but men—poor frail mortals, and as much in the power of the devil as ever they were. We must recollect, too, that there are hypocrites in all religions, parties, and associations in life, and not charge the sins of one man to the whole church, party or association. Two instances of aggravated criminal conduct by church members, have recently become notorious, the details of which are entirely too revolting to appear in print, and the churches with which the guilty individuals are connected, owe it to themselves to deal with the offenders in a summary manner. The cause of morality demands this. If the mere profession of religion is to screen a man from the punishment due to crime, it is time it were understood by the public.—Bangor Mercury.

MODERATE CHARGES.—Mr. Polk's bill at the public house in Cincinnati, during the few hours he was in that city, was only one hundred dollars, says the Cincinnati Republican. This reminds us of an incident in the life of Napoleon. He had dined somewhere at an obscure place, where he could get little else than eggs. When the bill was brought to him, to his surprise he found that the eggs were set down at a Napoleon a piece. "What," exclaimed the Emperor, "are eggs so scarce in this part of the country, that you charge for them such an enormous price?" "No sir," replied the innkeeper; "but Emperors are?"

The Mexican Minister.—The Intelligencer of this morning in stating that the Mexican minister has protested against the annexation of Texas, and signified the termination of his mission, has omitted to state whether he is acted under the instruction of his government, or under those of Santa Anna. The Intelligencer does not even intimate that the present government of Mexico, under any circumstances, designed to retain the service of Santa Anna's minister. These are important omissions, which may be speedily supplied by the arrival of a new minister.—Madisonian, March 10.

The Boston Courier correspondent thinks the indignation of Mexico will be more sonorous than dangerous.

The Committee.—The organization of the committees in the Senate shows an array of commanding strength in support of the new administration. The first which looks to foreign affairs, it will be seen, has on it strong men from every section. Gen. Cass, we learn, wanted the tender of that place, which he has waived. **Baltimore.**—In a few days, about one dollar per hundred. Farmers—the whigs told you it would fall one half, or more, if Polk and Dallas should be elected.

